

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 18.

Please add claim 26.

Please amend the claims to read as indicated herein.

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently amended) A method performed by a computer system to print a document page that includes an image or a graphic on one sheet or and is split over several sheets with a user-selectable print scale, comprising:

simultaneously displaying on a computer display, in one and the same dialog box, a preview of the document page as it will may be printed, including displaying sheet splitting, and at least one control element for modifying the print scale with which the document page may be printed or the number of sheets;

enabling a user to modify the print scale by actuating the at least one control element, without a need for a user to open or access another dialog box, wherein modification of the print scale may cause a number of sheets over which the printed document page extends to increase or decrease;

dynamically changing the displayed print scale of the document page relative to the displayed size of a sheet in response to the modification of the print scale by the displayed sheet splitting in response to a corresponding actuation of the control element, and changing, in a lump-like manner, the displayed sheet splitting in response to the modification of the print scale; and

printing the document page with the selected print scale according to and the displayed sheet splitting upon receiving a print command.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method is implemented by an application program.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method is implemented by a printer driver or an operating system.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein a program that initiates a print job uses a virtual sheet size which is larger than ~~the~~an actual sheet size, and, when the print job is passed to at least one of the printer driver and the operating system, the method is carried out using a representation of the document page adapted to the virtual sheet size as an input.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the control element is a graphical slider.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the sheet splitting is displayed by overlaying the preview of the document page with a grid.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a sheet location identification is printed on the sheets of the document page.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the sheet splitting is shifted relative to the page in response to a corresponding actuation of a sheet splitting shift control element or a pointing device.

9. (Currently amended) A computer system, comprising:
a processing unit and computer-readable storage arranged to ~~for processing and~~
store programs and program components;
a computer display;
a printer; and
~~an application program for creating at least one document page;~~
a program component, stored in the storage, that is arranged to causes a print preview of the document page that includes an image or a graphic and is to be printed

over several sheets, including sheet splitting, and at least one control element for modifying a print scale, or the number of sheets to be simultaneously displayed in one and the same dialog box on the computer display, wherein sheet splitting is also displayed.

wherein the program component is arranged to enable a user to modify a print scale by actuating the control element, without a need for the user to open or access another dialog box, wherein the modification of the print scale may cause a number of the sheets over which the printed document page extends to increase or decrease.

wherein the program component is arranged to further cause the displayed sheet splitting displayed print scale of the document page to dynamically change relative to the displayed size of a sheet in response to a corresponding the actuation of the control element, and change, in a jump-like manner, the displayed sheet splitting in response to the modification of the print scale, and

wherein the program component is arranged to causes the document page to be printed with the selected print scale according to and the displayed sheet splitting upon receiving a print command.

10. (Original) The computer system of claim 9, wherein the program component is part of an application program.

11. (Original) The computer system of claim 9, wherein the program component is part of a printer driver or an operating system.

12. (Currently amended) The computer system of claim 11, wherein a program that initiates a print job uses a virtual sheet size which is larger than than actual sheet size, and, when the print job is passed to at least one of the printer driver and the operating system, the printer driver or the operating system uses a representation of the document page adapted to the virtual sheet size as an input.

13. (Original) The computer system of claim 9, wherein the control element is a graphical slider.

14. (Original) The computer system of claim 9, wherein the sheet splitting is displayed by overlaying the preview of the document page with a grid.

15. (Original) The computer system of claim 9, wherein a sheet location identification is printed on the sheets of the document page.

16. (Original) The computer system of claim 9, wherein the sheet splitting is shifted relative to the page in response to a corresponding actuation of a sheet splitting shift control element or a pointing device.

17. (Currently amended) A computer program product machine-readable medium having including program code stored thereon, wherein the program code is arranged to for carrying out the followinga method, when executed on a computer system, offer printing a document page that includes an image or a graphic on one sheet or and is split over several sheets with a user-selectable print scale, when executed on a computer system, the method comprising the steps of:

simultaneously displaying on a computer display, in one and the same dialog box, a preview of the document page as it will may be printed, including displaying sheet splitting, and at least one control element for modifying the print scale with which the document page may be printed or the number of sheets;

enabling a user to modify the print scale by actuating the control element, without a need for a user to open or access another dialog box, wherein the modification of the print scale may cause the number of sheets over which the printed document page extends to increase or decrease;

dynamically changing the displayed print scale of the document page relative to the displayed size of a sheet in response to a modification of the print scale by the the displayed sheet splitting in response to a corresponding actuation of the control element, and changing, in a jump-like manner, the displayed sheet splitting in response to the modification of the print scale;

causing the document page to be printed with the selected print scale according to and the displayed sheet splitting upon receiving a print command.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the program code is part of an application program.

20. (Original) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the program code is part of a printer driver or of an operating system.

21. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 20, adapted to a program that, when initiating a print job, uses a virtual sheet size which is larger than than actual sheet size, wherein the method, when the print job is passed to at least one of the printer driver ~~or~~ and the operating system, is carried out using a representation of the document page adapted to the virtual sheet size as an input.

22. (Original) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the control element is a graphical slider.

23. (Original) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the sheet splitting is displayed by overlaying the preview of the document page with a grid.

24. (Original) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein a sheet location identification is printed on the sheets of the document page.

25. (Original) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the sheet splitting is shifted relative to the page in response to a corresponding actuation of a sheet splitting shift control element or a pointing device.

26. (New) A signal propagated over a computer network including a representation of program code for carrying out a method, when executed on a computer system, of printing a document page that includes an image or a graphic and is split over several sheets with a user-selectable print scale, comprising:

simultaneously displaying on a computer display, in one and the same dialog box, a preview of the document page as it may be printed, including displaying sheet splitting, and at least one control element for modifying the print scale with which the document page may be printed;

enabling a user to modify the print scale by actuating the control element, without a need for a user to open or access another dialog box, wherein the modification of the print scale may cause the number of sheets over which the printed document page extends to increase or decrease;

dynamically changing the displayed print scale of the document page relative to the displayed size of a sheet in response to the modification of the print scale by the actuation of the control element, and changing, in a jump-like manner, the displayed sheet splitting in response to the modification of the print scale; and

causing the document page to be printed with the selected print scale and the displayed sheet splitting upon receiving a print command.